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SUBJ: NORWEGIANS PROPOSE TWO-WEEK POSTPONEMENT OF NUCLEAR
PLANNING GROUP MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: OSLO 231

1. THE NORWEGIANS ARE PROPOSING THAT THE BERGEN NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP MINISTERIAL MEETING, NOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 4-5, BE POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 18-19. THEY WILL RAISE THIS IN MEETING OF NPG COUNSELORS IN BRUSSELS WHICH THEY UNDERSTAND IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 28, BUT CALLED TO GIVE US ADVANCE NOTICE IN LIGHT OF OUR RECENT INQUIRY (REFTEL). THEIR HOPE IS THAT, WITH OTHER SPRING MINISTRIALS AS YET UNSCHEDULED, NPG DEFENSE MINISTERS WILL BE ABLE TO AGREE TO THE JUNE 18-19 DATE.

2. DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO GAVE US THIS INFORMATION SAID ADVANCE PLANNING TEAM WHICH HAS JUST VISITED BERGEN FOUND THAT FAR BETTER ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR THE PROPOSED NEW DATE. ACCOMODATIONS ARE TIGHT EARLIER IN MONTH BECAUSE OF MUSIC FESTIVAL, BUT ON JUNE 18-19 ALL 200 TO 250 MINISTERS AND DELEGATES COULD BE HOUSED IN SAME BUILDING, A STUDENT DORMITORY DESCRIBED AS HAVING
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"HIGH STANDARD PHYSICAL FACILITIES", INCLUDING SOME 38

SMALL APARTMENTS FOR USE OF MINISTERS AND SENIOR MEMBERS
OF DELEGATIONS. THE CONFERENCE ITSELF WILL BE HELD IN
THE NAVAL ACADEMY, JUST OUTSIDE HAAKONSVERN NAVAL BASE.

3. WE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ADVANCE NOTICE AND SAID
SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S REACTION TO PROPOSED NEW DATES
WOULD PROBABLY BE TRANSMITTED IN BRUSSELS. WE UNDERTOOK
TO PASS INFORMATION HERE, HOWEVER, IF RECEIVED BEFORE
JUNE 28 BRUSSELS MEETING.
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